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SUBJ: CU/AF ALLOCATIONS

FOR CU ASST SECY RICHARDSON FROM EDMONDSON

1. HAD VALUABLE CONSULTATIONS WITH BERG, MAKING UP SOMEWHAT FOR  
LACK OF OVERLAP IN WASHINGTON. FEEL CERTAIN HE WILL SERVE YOU  
WELL.

2. WITH BERG'S PERMISSION, I AM WRITING SEPARATELY TO REPORT TO  
YOU MY GREAT DISTRESS AT FACT THAT CU/AF COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS  
BEING CUT FAIRLY DRASTICALLY TO ACCOMMODATE MORE REGIONAL AND CPI  
PROJECTS DESPITE FACT THAT ORIGINAL PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL INCREASES  
WERE GENERALLY PREDICATED ON SIGNIFICANT OVERALL BUDGET INCREASE ABOVE

THAT REQUIRED FOR PARA-DETERMINED COUNTRY PROGRAMS. SINCE OVERALL  
CU/AF FY-75 ALLOCATION ABOUT SAME OR SLIGHTLY GREATER THAN FY-74  
OBLIGATIONS, THERE NO REAL JUSTIFICATION FOR CUTTING COUNTRY  
ALLOCATIONS BELOW ORIGINAL FY-74 LEVELS, THOUGH IT MIGHT UNDERSTANDABLY

BE NECESSARY HOLD SOME TO SAME LEVEL. I WOULD ARGUE THAT POSTS  
WITH BASIC MINIMUM LEVEL ALLOCATIONS SHOULD NOT BE CUT BACK  
IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES SHORT OF DRASTIC OVERALL CUT IN CU  
BUDGET, AND IT IS MISTAKE TO CUT HIGH PRIORITY COUNTRIES WHICH  
HAVE GOOD PROGRAMS GOING.

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3. DESPITE APPARENT ATTRACTIVENESS OF REGIONAL AND CPI PROGRAMS,

THEY ARE NOT THAT MUCH (IF ANY) MORE RESPONSIVE TO CU OBJECTIVES THAN COUNTRY PROGRAMS CAREFULLY DRAWN UP IN ACCORD WITH CU REQUEST FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS. BELIEVE IT A SERIOUS MISTAKE (AND GROSSLY UNFAIR), AFTER ASKING POSTS TO GO THROUGH BURDENSOME TASK SUBMITTING COMPLEX COUNTRY PROGRAM PROPOSALS, TO CUT POSTS EVEN BELOW CONSERVATIVE TARGET FIGURES ORIGINALLY GIVEN THEM BY CU TO USE IN PROGRAM PLANNING.

4. I FEAR PRESSURE TO TRY NEW REGIONAL APPROACHES AND UTILIZE MORE PRIVATE COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH EXPANDED FUNDING MAY OVERLOOK FACT THAT AF AND MOST OF ITS POSTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DOING WELL IN THIS REGARD AND AF ALREADY HAD MORE REGIONAL PROJECTS THAN MOST OTHER AREAS. HOPE IT NOT TOO LATE REEXAMINE SITUATION AND KEEP COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS UP TO REASONABLE LEVELS.  
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